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The Honorable Bruce F. Duke
Executive Director
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: Petition of Verizon South Inc. for Arbitration of an Amendment to
Interconnection Agreements with Competitive Local Exchange
Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers in South Carolina
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as
Amended, and the Triennial Review Order
Docket No. 2004-0049-C**

Dear Mr. Duke:

I am writing on behalf of HTC Communications, Inc. ("HTC") with respect to Verizon's letter dated April 20, 2004, in which it proposes that CLECs respond on May 4, 2004 to Verizon's proposed list of disputed issues in the above-referenced matter.

HTC's list of disputed issues was set forth in its Response to Verizon's Amended Arbitration Petition, which was filed on behalf of HTC on April 13, 2004. To the extent the Commission moves forward with this arbitration on a consolidated basis, as requested by Verizon, HTC reserves the right to comment upon and take positions with respect to issues raised by other parties in the consolidated proceeding.

Very truly yours,

/s/

M. John Bowen, Jr.

cc: Steven W. Hamm